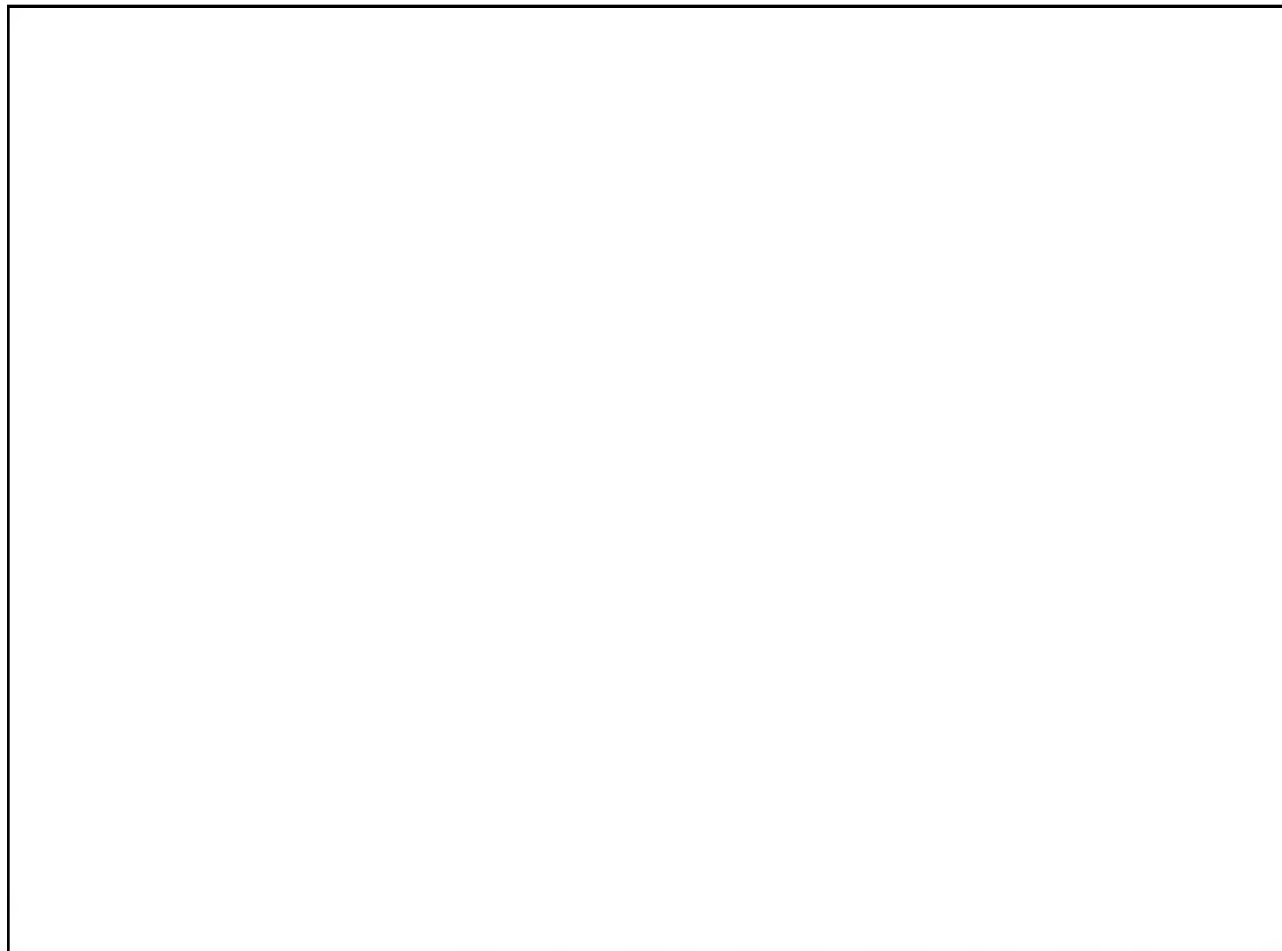


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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report #38 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. The Supreme Operations Command, chaired by Sukarno, held extensive meetings on 20 and 21 October. Announced results indicate that Sukarno seized the initiative, and made some gains but is still far from asserting his former political control. The army is continuing its support of Sukarno as the nation's leader but refuses to retreat from its anti-Communist program.

2. General Suharto has obtained Sukarno's approval for all but one candidate on a reorganized slate of headquarters officers and regional commanders.

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4. The army's search for Communist arms has evidently met with some success. The army contends that it now has firm evidence that Communist China has shipped arms to the PKI. The latest cache of Chinese arms has reportedly been found in the vault of a Djakarta-area bank.

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5. The regional military commander in South Borneo has suspended the activities of the PKI and its affiliates. Four of the 17 regional commands have now taken such action.

6. The dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed by the army following the coup attempt has been reduced. The curfew now applies from 9:00 PM to 4:30 AM.

7. The central executive board of the Indonesian Nationalist Party (PNI), which in the past has been dominated, by pro-Communists, issued a statement yesterday charging PKI complicity in the 30 September movement and calling for "firm action" against the party. This is apparently an attempt to forestall a possible army attempt to purge left-wing PNI elements.

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